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Budget balanced after long debate

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**The \$280M allotted
for police is highest
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As required by law, the City of Winnipeg
has a balanced budget for 2016.

Councillors passed both operating and
capital budgets Tuesday after lengthy
debate over the controversial police
budget and several potential additions.

The end result is a budget Mayor
Brian Bowman called "a disciplined and
responsible approach to addressing the
priorities that Winnipeggers have told
(council) that they need."

The \$280 million police budget, which
was not augmented with additional funding
as the police board had requested,
is the highest the service has ever seen.

The \$105.2 million budgeted for lo-
cal and regional street renewal, though
smaller than the investment six dissenting
councillors wanted Tuesday, is still
the record-setting number.

And the budget also managed to re-
duce the 2015 deficit projection from

\$115.2 million down to \$51.7 million,
which Bowman called a "huge accom-
plishment."

Union boss Gord Delbridge of CUPE
500 supported the six councillors trying
to reduce the city's vacancy management
target and lamented their amendment
having been defeated.

He said the \$20.9 million planned to
be saved through vacancy management
will result in "front-line service cuts,"
something administration said would
happen at any amount after \$14 million.

Citizens may also take issue with the
budget, which increases property taxes
by 2.33 per cent while also increasing
frontage levies by 20 per cent.

Bowman said it's the price they are
being asked to pay for "historic funding
for roads, public transit, and active trans-
portation... among many other things."

"That does require Winnipeggers to
do a little bit more," he said.

Although the budget is approved,
corresponding bylaws supporting the
budget will still need to be passed dur-
ing a special meeting at 9 a.m. Wednes-
day morning.

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Dinos roar into Assiniboine

ZOOLOGY

Animatronic exhibit set to open at zoo in late spring

Michelle Bailey
For Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg is about to be taken over by the three-horned Ceratops and the ferocious Tyrannosaurus Rex. Not to worry though — they don't really bite.

The Assiniboine Park Zoo is preparing to host Dinosaurs Alive!, which will see 15-life size animatronic dinosaurs from the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods take up residence at the zoo this summer.

"I've always been into dinosaurs, so this is really exciting for me and our interpreters to be able to take people back in time to understand how dinos lived and survived," said Gary Lunsford, head of zoological operations.

Dinosaurs Alive! is an exhibit that lets people see how these

creatures moved and roared millions of years ago, said Lunsford. The exhibit also features a dig site and excavation site where visitors, especially kids, can experience what it's like to be a paleontologist.

When hearing how popular this exhibit was in other cities such as Calgary and Chicago, Lunsford said it was a "no-brainer" that the Assiniboine Park Zoo had to find a way to bring the attraction to Winnipeg.

"Dinosaurs and the way they once roamed the Earth continues to fascinate people, and maybe it's because of movies like Jurassic Park or just the fact that you can find evidence of them to this day, whether it's fossils or remains, they are still relevant even if they don't exist anymore."

The official date for the opening of the exhibit has yet to be announced, but Lunsford expects it will be towards the end of May and will then last throughout the summer.

The Assiniboine Park Zoo has partnered with Artis REIT to bring Dinosaurs Alive! to Winnipeg.

Dinosaurs and the way they once roamed the Earth continues to fascinate people.

Gary Lunsford



Three-year-old Carter Bohn and his aunt, Shelly Bohn, examine a big dinosaur eye on the teaser crate for Dinosaurs Alive!, an exhibit coming to Assiniboine Park Zoo this summer. MICHELLE BAILEY/METRO

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MANITOBA BOLD

Chamber campaign back for this election

The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce wants Manitobans to encourage provincial candidates at their door to demand "creative, innovative ideas."

During this election they've brought back the "Manitoba Bold" campaign — including more than 200 crowd-sourced and province-changing ideas, just like the first iteration in 2011 — but this year with a twist:

Every day leading up to the provincial election on April 19, the chamber will release a short video with a community leader sharing an exciting idea.

"A 50-page document with 200 ideas, that's a lot to digest," said chamber VP Loren Remillard. "So we are breaking them down into 40 videos and putting it in a way that average voters can open each day, a new idea, and say 'that's interesting,' and spur conversation that way."

Remillard said it's about out-of-the-box thinking and elevating the discussion to a higher level.

"Bold began in 2011 ... and was born of a demand for more innovative, creative and ambitious ideas," he said. "In and around election time, political parties aren't necessarily offering those creative solutions to some of our challenges, or exciting approaches to seizing the opportunities that exist in Manitoba."

This year the bold ideas fol-

low that formula, and add a look to the future with the question, "where is Manitoba going 15-20 years from now—what will the province look like?"

"The bold ideas are a means to get there," Remillard said.

Maybe it's creating an aboriginal business incubator, a pilot for online voting in provincial elections or reinventing Manitoba Hydro as "Manitoba Energy" as part of a shift to diversifying the energy industry in the province.



if we are going to change political leadership, it needs to start at grassroots level.

Loren Remillard

He explained that the target audience isn't Greg Selinger, Brian Pallister or Rana Bokhari, but "Manitobans themselves."

"Politicians by nature will gravitate to where voters are," he said. "If Manitobans accept a vision of success in the middle of the road, our political leadership will aim for middle of the road thinking... if we are going to change political leadership, it needs to start at grassroots level."

BRAEDEN JONES/METRO



The average student debt in Manitoba is about \$19,000 and Manitoba student leaders want election candidates to address the issue of post-secondary affordability as well as funding for research and scholarships. MICHELLE BAILEY/FOR METRO

University students have election wish list

EDUCATION

Tuition costs still a barrier for many, says union leader



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Woods at the edge of Kenora. Municipal workers found her body in the water. The police search stretched 200 kilometres west to Winnipeg, where Delaine had family and often visited.

Police have not revealed a cause of death or indicated whether foul play is suspected.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Manitoba students are keen to hear what each party vying for votes in the provincial election will do for them, and they've got their wish list ready.

"It's still early days, obviously there's a lot of time left to go (before the April 19 vote), but I would really like to hear all of

the parties running talk about core issues of affordability and accessibility for post secondary students," said Peyton Veitch, University of Winnipeg student president.

The average student debt in Manitoba currently sits at around \$19,000.

Although tuition fee increases in the province are capped at the rate of inflation for domestic students, Veitch said affordability is "still a barrier for a lot of students, particularly from low-income backgrounds."

He feels that looking east could point the way forward, and suggests he would like to see parties talking about needs-based grants instead of loans.

He admits there has been some progress made, as the

Manitoba government has already eliminated interest rates on student loans, but more can be done.

"The logical next step is to go one further and eliminate them entirely, and replace them with non-repayable grants," he suggested.

Both the NDP and the Liberals have said they would replace loans with grants, but have quibbled over how much it would cost.

Jeremiah Kopp, University of Manitoba Student Union (UMSU) president, said those are the same conversations UMSU is pushing for, but there is a lot more than can be done that "benefits the entire province".

"Education is not just for students, it's for all of society," Kopp

said. "Education is the way we grow our economy... solve social issues... create a society that is well-rounded."

He said the next government will need to direct resources towards investments in university infrastructure, research grants, laboratory upgrades and targeted scholarships for students from vulnerable circumstances.

"If you're investing in (education), you're investing in opportunities, (which) will be compelling to bright minds within and outside of the province," Kopp said. "If we create excellence within the various fields available to us, then it goes full-circle and people remain here, stay here, pay taxes here, raise families here and strengthen our province."

ONTARIO

Body of missing indigenous teen found

Police in Ontario have found the body of a First Nations girl who had been the subject of an extensive missing person's search for the last three weeks.

Ontario Provincial Police said the remains of Delaine Copenace, 16, were discovered Tuesday morning in Lake of the

Woods at the edge of Kenora. Municipal workers found her body in the water.

The police search stretched 200 kilometres west to Winnipeg, where Delaine had family and often visited.

Police have not revealed a cause of death or indicated whether foul play is suspected.

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Selinger talks green funding

ELECTION

NDP leader wants more research on Lake Winnipeg

Manitoba NDP Leader Greg Selinger promised more money for the environment Tuesday and rejected accusations from opponents that his campaign promises would add to an already large deficit.

Selinger said that if he is re-elected premier on April 19, he will increase funding for research into Lake Winnipeg by \$500,000. The money would go to groups such as the International Institute for Sustainable Development, which examines ways to protect water quality.

"It's important for the community out there — the people that live out there. It's important for the fishery and it's important for all those people that use it as a place for recreation," Selinger said.

The Progressive Conservatives have criticized Selinger in



NDP leader Greg Selinger said the province would pump an additional \$500,000 into research for Lake Winnipeg, which is prone to algal blooms and is fighting off invasive species like zebra mussels. LAKEWINNIPERFOUNDATION.CA

recent days for more than \$140 million in promises for post-secondary student grants, recreational facilities and more. They point out the province has been running deficits since 2009 and the most recent fis-

cal update showed the current deficit has jumped to \$646 million from \$421 million.

Selinger said his water-research promise will be funded with money already set aside in a larger program for cli-

mate-change research. He said most of his promises are, similarly, specific spending commitments that can be funded through existing programs.

"Most of the announcements are within our (budget) fore-

cast," he said.

Progressive Conservative Leader Brian Pallister made a promise to improve health care for a second straight day.

Pallister said a Tory government would find ways to keep

“It’s important for the community out there — the people that live out there.”

Greg Selinger

more doctors from leaving the province. Like Pallister's promise Monday to cut health care wait times, the plan to increase doctor recruitment contained few specifics and dealt mostly with reviewing the current system with an eye to improvements.

Pallister said, as premier, he would establish a new doctor recruitment program that would include experts in hiring foreign physicians.

Pallister also said he would promote hometown doctors through education in local communities and do exit interviews with departing physicians to understand their reasons for leaving.

Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari had no campaign announcements Tuesday.

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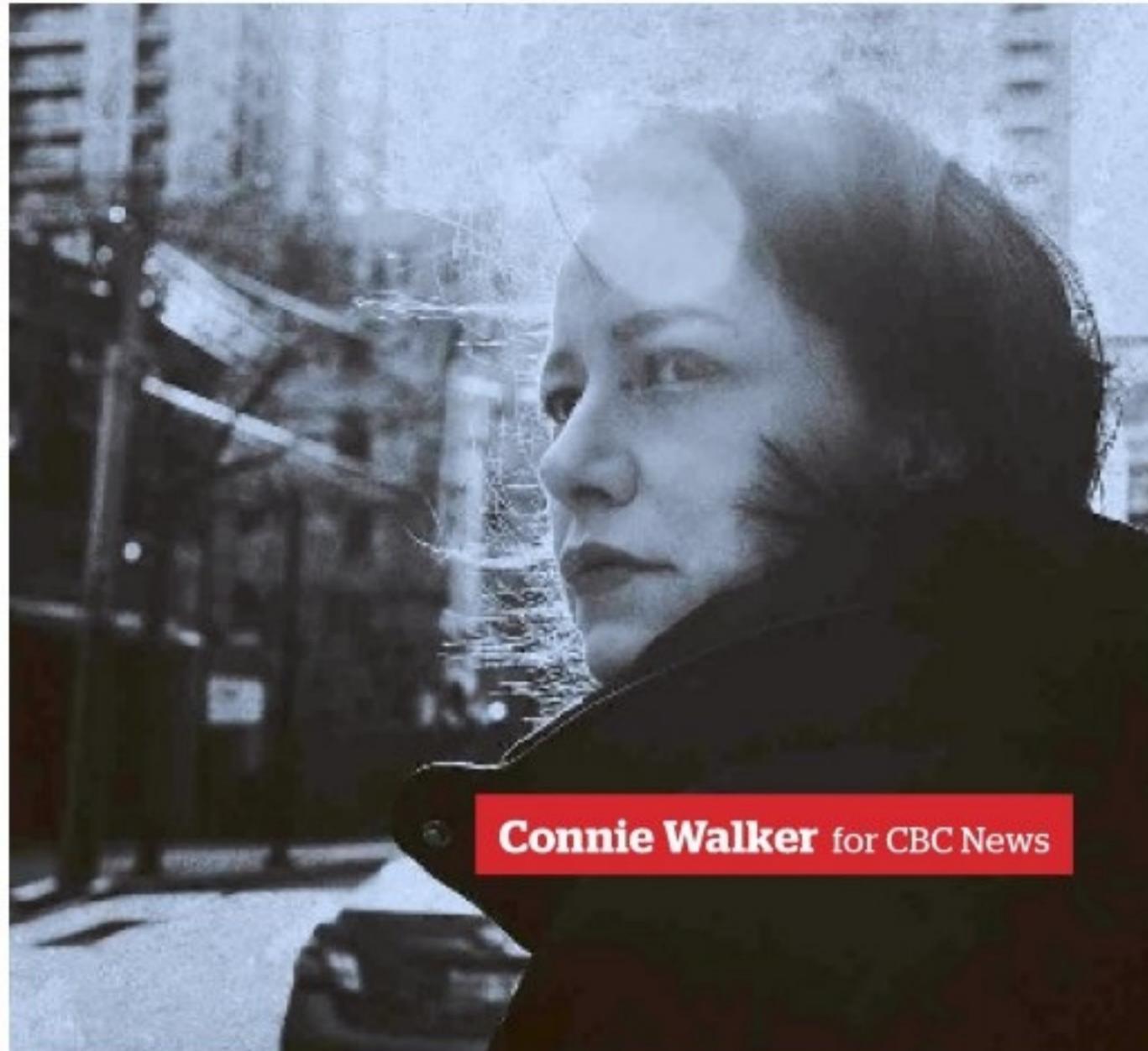
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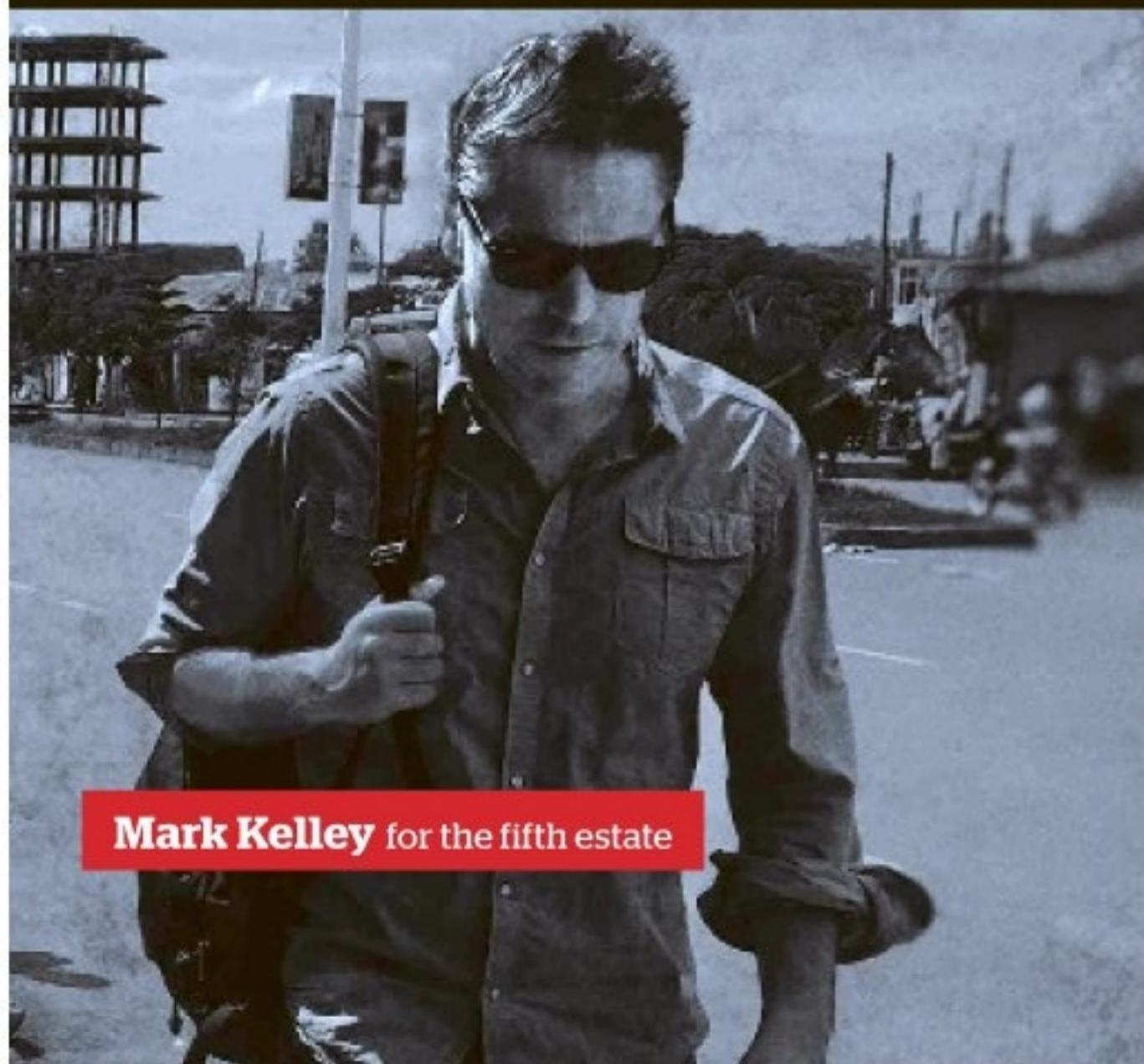
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Deputy chief of police Art Stannard said there "are risks behind every reduction" the service will contemplate this year. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

Police save jobs

BUDGET

Layoffs avoided, but service cuts seem likely

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Savings found in the police budget have saved recruits and cadets from layoffs for 2016, but there are still unidentified cuts to come to the police service this year.

During Tuesday's budget meeting, police board chair Coun. Scott Gillingham presented the plan to make up an apparent \$2.45 million budget-

ary shortfall by putting a \$1 million body-worn camera pilot project on hold, and committed to save the remaining \$1.45 million as the year goes on.

What that does, he said, is bring the police operating budget in accordance with the city's, "while avoiding layoffs."

Council supported the plan.

Maurice Sabourin, president of the police union, said while the union is happy to avoid job losses, there is a concern that making up the \$1.45 million over the course of the year may "affect safety for members."

"It's going to mean decreased training, it's going to mean decreased special projects, which ultimately is going to lead to a decrease in services for the citizens of Winnipeg," Sabourin speculated.

Deputy chief of police Art Stannard said the end of lay-off speculation ends a "very stressful" time for recruits and cadets scared for their jobs, but he shares the union's concern about what may be cut. Training, consulting, special operations and outreach are all operating expenses that could get slashed before 2017.

Mayor Brian Bowman said he has confidence the board and service will find a way to make the \$280 million budget work, but tough decisions won't end with making up \$1.45 million in savings this year.

This year's \$16 million increase was three times the rate of inflation, and still not enough to satisfy the police service's budgetary needs without cuts.

FLOODING

Province monitoring ice jam

The Manitoba government is monitoring an ice jam on the Red River north of Winnipeg.

The province said it was caused by the narrow river channel in the area north of Selkirk by the Highway 4 bridge on the Red River.

Selkirk emergency measures co-ordinator Darrell Kupchik says no properties are at risk of flooding in the city or in St. Clements and St. Andrews.

However, Kupchik says that could change because water levels rise on the back of ice jams.

The province is monitoring the situation, and says it will consider using the Amphibex — the ice-crunching machine — if conditions allow.

Highway 204 in East Selkirk is flooded, and the Selkirk Bridge has been closed since the weekend.

"We're not in panic mode,



Ice breakers operate near Selkirk, Man., where an ice jam has closed a bridge. COURTESY GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA

by no means," said Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson.

"We're hoping to reopen this road in the next couple of days, but if the ice stays and we get that heavy water from the south, this could become

bothersome again."

The province says the Red River has remained relatively stable after most of the Canadian basin portion crested on Friday.

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Premier, mayor positive on promised spending

2016 FEDERAL BUDGET

Greg Selinger 'pleased' that flood protection made a priority

Michelle Bailey
For Metro | Winnipeg

Politicians in Manitoba reacted generally positively to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's maiden budget Wednesday, despite the projected deficit.

Standing inside the Manitoba Legislative building Tuesday afternoon, Premier Greg Selinger said he was pleased to hear flood protection was being made a priority.

"I did note that they identified the Lake St. Martin channel project as an important project for infrastructure investment right now," said Selinger.

"That's important here in Manitoba and we've committed to that. We do note that the Bokhari Liberals have said that's something they would only do later after they balanced the budget, so we are pleased that the federal government has agreed with us that moving forward on flood protection right now with infrastructure spending is very important."

Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman, who was busy dealing with the passing of his own civic budget Tuesday, also expressed optimism.

"I haven't had an opportunity to look at the details, but from what we've been able to learn so far, I'm very pleased to hear there is increased investment in infrastructure as well as investments in indigenous communities and for indigenous Canadians," Bowman said.



Premier Greg Selinger spoke of the importance of the projects identified. MICHELLE BAILEY/FOR METRO

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Brian Bowman

Those are very important priorities here in Winnipeg, but also of course nationally."

Bowman said the city already has their eye on infrastructure funding announced Wednesday.

"I was very pleased to hear that they are expanding the number of expenditures by municipalities that can be funded under the model."

"We are going to be looking at some of our strategic priorities, whether they are Build Canada fund applications, rapid transit, as well as significant investments we are making in water and waste treatment plants."

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CRIME

Woman kidnapped, sexually assaulted

A Winnipeg woman is recovering after being kidnapped off the street, forced into a car, restrained and sexually assaulted in broad daylight.

Winnipeg police said the victim, 23, was walking on Main Street near Jarvis Avenue on March 14 at about 12:30 p.m.

A vehicle pulled up behind her and someone grabbed her by the waist, forcing her into the backseat of a vehicle. Police said she was repeatedly assaulted in the upper body before the car drove off.

While she was in the backseat, she was restrained, sexually assaulted and threatened.

Cst. Jason Michalyshen said she was in the car for a period of time, maybe upwards of "20 to 25 minutes" before she managed to escape and run to safety.

Police said the woman has no information about the type of vehicle or her assailants except that one of the suspects is a white male. Anyone with information should contact the Sex Crimes Unit at 204-986-6245. METRO

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Freedom Road needs cash

INFRASTRUCTURE

Price to build Shoal Lake connector up to \$46 million

An isolated reserve under one of Canada's longest boil-water advisories is looking for more money to build an all-weather road that advocates say will save lives while correcting a historical wrong.

Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, on the Manitoba-Ontario boundary, was cut off a century ago during construction of an aqueduct which carries fresh water to Winnipeg. Surveyors said at the time that the land was largely uninhabited "with the exception of a few Indians."

While water continues to flow to the Manitoba capital, the reserve of several hundred people has been under a boil-water advisory for 18 years. A water treatment plant is prohibitively expensive without a road to transport construction material and supplies.

Residents use an aging ferry



Sharon Redsky told councillors Freedom Road would save lives. THE CANADIAN PRESS/FILE

to get to the reserve in the summer and a treacherous ice road in the winter. People have died falling through the ice.

All three levels of government announced in December that they would share the cost of construction by chipping in \$10 million each. It was ori-

**This is the
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Ernie Gilroy

ginally estimated to cost \$30 million to build a permanent road — dubbed Freedom Road by residents — but that has been revised to \$46 million after a detailed design study.

"We're not at all surprised that the price is different than people thought it might be in

2011," said Ernie Gilroy, head of the East Side Road Authority which is overseeing construction. "This is the Precambrian shield here ... It's tough terrain."

Gilroy said the study determined the road needs a tougher rock base.

Only the provincial government has confirmed it will cover the increased cost. Premier Greg Selinger said Manitoba has enough money in its infrastructure budget to chip in another \$5.5 million.

"We've always said we're in for a third," Selinger said Tuesday. "It's a simple matter of justice for those people to have access in and out of their community. Then they can start improving the quality of their water. We have to rectify that situation."

Advocates asked Winnipeg city council to boost its contribution to \$15.5 million as well. Shoal Lake 40 resident Sharon Redsky said the community has suffered enough.

"It's going to save lives," she told councillors on Tuesday. "Nine people have lost their lives in Shoal Lake just trying to get home." THE CANADIAN PRESS

COURT

Rely on DNA evidence, murder trial jury told

A jury has been told that DNA evidence discovered at the scene where a young mother was found stabbed should be enough to convict the man accused of killing her.

Crown prosecutor Mike Himmelman made the statement Monday during final arguments in the first-degree murder trial of Schuyler Francis Vanwissen.

Vanwissen, 31, is charged in the death of Gina Marie Swanson, whose bound and half-naked body was found in her home by her father in May 2011.

The jury has previously heard that the 33-year-old woman was sexually assaulted before she died, and Himmelman told the panel that Vanwissen's DNA was found on clothing used to tie Swanson's hands and from an internal swab.

Defence lawyer Martin Glazer argued there is no proof to put Vanwissen in the house, saying it's even possible that drug dealers killed Swanson because of marijuana stashed in her home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Country artist Matt Patershuk's will end his Western Canadian tour at the West End Cultural Centre, Wednesday.

HEATHER KITCHING

Album all for charity

MUSIC

Country artist to donate all sales in order to honour sister

Nigel Moore
For Metro | Winnipeg

An old man's weathered face gazes from the cover of Alberta roots-country artist Matt Patershuk's new album I Was So Fond of You.

It's a painting made by Patershuk's sister Clare, who was killed by a drunk driver in June 2013. He has dedicated the album to her memory, along with his tour of Western Canada which will conclude on Wednesday at the West End Cultural Centre.

"Clare was a painter and a writer," said Patershuk. "I feel very fortunate to be able to put her memory out into the world, and to be able to talk about her."

He said the attention and publicity would have embarrassed Clare, but he's sure she would have been proud. "We really lost a lot when she was killed," he said.

Patershuk is donating all rev-

I hope I sell 50,000 copies of the record and regret the decision until the day I die.

Matt Patershuk

enue from sales of the album to three Alberta charities: the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton where Clare worked as a counsellor, the Peace Area Riding for the Disabled Society which provides horse therapy programs and is based near his home in LaGlace, and the Clare Patershuk Undergraduate Travel Scholarship Fund at the University of Alberta.

Of the donations, Patershuk said it will be nice for some good to come out of his family's loss. "I hope I sell 50,000 copies of the record and regret the decision until the day I die," he said with a laugh.

BOX OFFICE

Tickets are \$15 at the West End Cultural Centre, Into the Music, Music Trader and Ticketfly.com.

BRUSSELS

School trips cancelled over Belgium attacks

 **Elisha Dacey**
Metro | Winnipeg

School divisions were left scrambling Tuesday dealing with cancelled trips abroad for students after a terrorist attack in Brussels.

Two schools in the St. James School Division had students heading to or already in Europe on Tuesday.

Parent Sam Summers said her son, 17, found out his trip was cancelled at the airport just before they were to board the plane.

Division spokesperson Jen Cameron confirmed the cancellation late Tuesday morning. "We are working closely with our tour operator to ensure the safe return and/or alternative travel arrangements for all students, staff and chaperones who are safe

and accounted for, currently in Europe. Safety for all is our priority."

In the Louis Riel School Division, a spokesperson said students from College Jeanne-Suave were planning to leave on Tuesday for Belgium. "That trip has now been cancelled and parents have been informed," said the spokesperson. There was no word on whether the trip would be rescheduled.

Meanwhile, students from College Beliveau already in France are safe and travel advisories are being watched. Students from J.H. Bruns Collegiate heading to Germany are still doing so, provided federal advisories say it's safe.

Several other divisions said they were watching travel advisories before deciding whether to cancel upcoming trips.

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"Unique" doesn't begin to describe the astonishing, incomprehensible, indecipherable head-scratcher of a politician. Gaffes and impolitic indiscretions that would sink mere mortals seemed to conspire to elevate his status.

This was a man without a college degree, who, by most calculations, would have been hard-pressed to ascend to the executive offices of the city's boardrooms; yet he became mayor of the country's largest city. And for four years, he was the most (in)famous mayor in all the world.

Rarely has Toronto's name been on the lips of so many for so



Rob Ford at his campaign launch in April 2014. The former Toronto mayor has died at 46. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

long and in so many far reaches.

Wherever political scientists study voting phenomenon, they'll be stretched to explain how a young man from central-north Etobicoke — a simple man trading on the means of his politician-turned-businessman father — could parlay such limited recognizable skills into securing the votes of so many of the most fickle of customers.

Rob Ford seemed always to defy the odds. Exploding grenades didn't shatter his façade, they propelled him into the air. The more he sank into the maw of personal excess — the alcohol and drugs — the more entrenched, though narrowed, his appeal.

In more than 15 years of municipal politics, Ford never lost an election. His singular appeal

was his message that never grew old and never lost appeal:

"You can trust me with your money. I'm not going to waste it."

Ford's genius — crafted or naturally acquired — is that he connected with the average guy.

Bumbling, stumbling, a bit off-kilter, never well-dressed, a bit awkward, politically incorrect, overweight, bumptious while shy, he represented the imperfections in all of us, even those of us who despised him for it.

His singular appeal as a politician was "customer service." He answered the phone calls of his constituents, personally. He showed up to their door to attend to their little problems. And constituents never forgot that.

They call it retail politics. And Rob Ford was so successful in growing the brand that his brother, Doug, almost rode it to victory in the last municipal election.

Rob Ford was Toronto's 64th mayor, the third after the controversial and forced amalgamation that created the megacity in 1998. He will not be forgotten any time soon. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

INFLUENCE

The legacy will last



Matt Elliott
Metro | Toronto

suburbs.

They worry that taking a position too contrary to those held by the former mayor will attract the rage of a group of voters: the "Ford Nation."

It's a tricky legacy. On one hand, it's enormously frustrating. So many of Ford's positions were based on feelings instead of facts. They made for disastrously bad policy decisions.

But on the other hand, the fear of Ford works as a check on those who would assume the entire amalgamated city has brought into the virtue of transit, bikes, urbanism and public services.

I would have liked to see someone who understands that go up against Ford in an election. I would have liked to see voters get to decide definitively and democratically whether to reject or again embrace Ford's politics.

But, instead, city hall is left to grapple with a complicated and resilient legacy.

Cancer took Rob Ford, but something remains.

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ROB FORD: 1969—2016

HITS AND MISSES

A mixed legacy on policy

In his four-year term as mayor, Rob Ford was at the centre of many well-documented scandals, both personal and political. His legacy on policy at city hall is just as complicated.

SUCCESSES

TTC as an essential service: Ford, fresh off an election win, successfully saw council request the province declare the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), the city's public transport agency, as an essential service and prevent further labour disruptions.

Privatizing garbage: After promising to contract out garbage citywide, Ford claimed victory for contracting out just one west-end district when council approved that move in 2011. **Subways:** Ford's ongoing mission to put all-new transit underground served up one victory in October 2013 when council voted to scrap plans for a fully funded LRT in the east end and build a three-stop subway instead — a decision that cost the city at least \$75 million in lost work. Today plans have changed again to a questionable one-stop subway still being debated at council.



Ford attends an executive committee meeting at city hall in May 2013. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MISSTEPS

Subways: After declaring former mayor David Miller's light-rail plan dead as his first official act as mayor, Ford put forward his own subways-heavy transit plan for council approval. But he failed to garner council support and the plan was defeated in February 2012, with council largely backing a return to most of the original light rail plan.

Plastic bags banned: Though not a campaign promise, Ford decided he wanted to end a mandatory five-cent fee for plastic shopping bags in 2010, a plan

that spectacularly backfired when council actually voted to ban plastic bags when it came to a vote in 2012. Council later abandoned the ban on bags.

Land transfer tax: Ford vowed to scrap the land transfer tax on home purchases, which brings in hundreds of millions in city revenues annually. But after finding a lack of support on council, Ford later changed that promise to reducing the tax by at least 10 per cent. He was never able to scrap or reduce the tax, which remains in place.

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THE 2016 FEDERAL BUDGET

Liberals make it rain

Child benefit, native welfare cornerstones of huge spend

Justin Trudeau's Liberals are opting to spend heavily in their first budget to deliver the "bold, transformative" change they say is needed to put Canadians on firm footing for the future.

The Liberal budget unveiled Tuesday calls for new spending in the billions of dollars for indigenous communities, middle-class families, transit upgrades and social housing in cities and towns across Canada. It provides more cash for children and their parents, poor seniors, unemployed Canadians and injured veterans.

For all that, Canada's finances will go deep into the red for the next five years as Liberals set aside election pledges to contain deficit spending.

Instead, the government said it will take advantage of low interest rates to borrow money and spend nearly \$30 billion more this year than it takes in as revenue.

The Liberals had vowed to keep the deficit to no more than \$10 billion and to eliminate it by the end of their mandate. Tuesday's budget predicts a deficit of \$14.3 billion in 2020-21.

The plan unveiled by Finance Minister Bill Morneau doesn't set out how or when the books will be balanced, although he told reporters if growth is better than forecast, the country could be back in the black in five years.

"Some (projects) are urgently needed and require the government to act quickly. But in

every case, investments will be made with a focus on long-term value so that Canadians will reap the benefits far into the future," Morneau said in the House of Commons.

He stressed the Liberals' priority was to grow the middle class — the title he gave to the 269-page document.

He told the Commons that the Liberal plan — which will see the deficit grow to \$29.4 billion in 2016-17 — is "reasonable and affordable."

At the core of the Liberal strategy is the Canada Child Benefit, some \$5 billion in new

spending a year that Morneau boasted was a social program to rival universal health care.

"It will lift hundreds of thousands of kids up from poverty," Morneau said.

Morneau did not deliver a promised small-business two percentage point tax cut.

Morneau also declared he was "most proud" of the new investment in indigenous communities, saying the more than \$8 billion pledged over five years for education, nursing stations, housing and sewer and water

treatment is more than the \$5 billion promised by a previous Liberal government's Kelowna Accord in 2005.

The Conserva-

tive government cancelled that agreement.

The defence department will see its capital spending deferred as the budget delays \$3.7 billion for big-ticket capital projects, confirmation that any new military hardware remains years away.

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Bill Morneau, right, with Justin Trudeau as he makes his way to deliver the budget. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

2016-17 DEFICIT

\$29.4 billion

FAMILIES

Tories' family-friendly measures transformed

The Liberal government is delivering on its promise to help parents with the high cost of raising children by scrapping some Conservative family-friendly measures in favour of a more streamlined and tax-free Canada Child Benefit.

"The Canada Child Benefit is the most significant social

policy innovation in a generation," Finance Minister Bill Morneau said Tuesday in his speech to the House of Commons.

The new program coming into effect July 1 rolls four former benefits — including the Universal Child Care Benefit and the income-split-

ting scheme for two-parent households the Conservatives brought in last year — into a single monthly payment the Liberal government promises is both more generous and better targeted to families that need it.

The Canada Child Benefit

will provide an annual benefit

of up to \$6,400 per child under the age of six and up to \$5,400 per child for those between the ages of six and 17. The benefit is geared to household income, with families making less than \$30,000 annually in net income getting the maximum benefit.

"That is money in the pockets of Mom and Dad. Money

that can go directly to eating healthier food, paying the rent and buying new clothes," Morneau said.

The new measure comes with a net cost of \$22.4 billion over five years, with \$9.89 billion of the cost coming in the first two years.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Building boom yet to arrive

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

If you were expecting Tuesday's federal budget to usher in a new golden age of infrastructure in Canada, you're going to have to wait a little longer, experts say.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau began his budget speech by referencing the post-war construction boom in Canada that saw massive projects such as the Trans-Canada Highway built.

However, the actual vision presented in budget is less grandiose.

The Liberals campaigned on investing \$60 billion in infrastructure over 10 years. The "first phase" of that plan only includes \$11.9 billion over five years.

"I think it's a down payment on the infrastructure needs of our cities," said University of Toronto planning professor Matti Siemiatycki. "And the Liberals are acknowledging that; they're saying it's a start."

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities estimates that national infrastructure backlog tips the scales at \$123 billion.

While the Liberal announcement pales in comparison to that figure, Siemiatycki expects the government has back-loaded the plan in an effort to get money flowing sooner.

He also applauded the decision to allow federal money to be spent on maintenance, rather than just new projects.

"We need to emphasize getting our house in order. Getting our existing infrastructure up to a state of good repair is a good place to start," he said.

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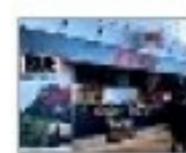
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King's Head Pub | 9:30 pm | Tickets: \$5 (18+ no minors)

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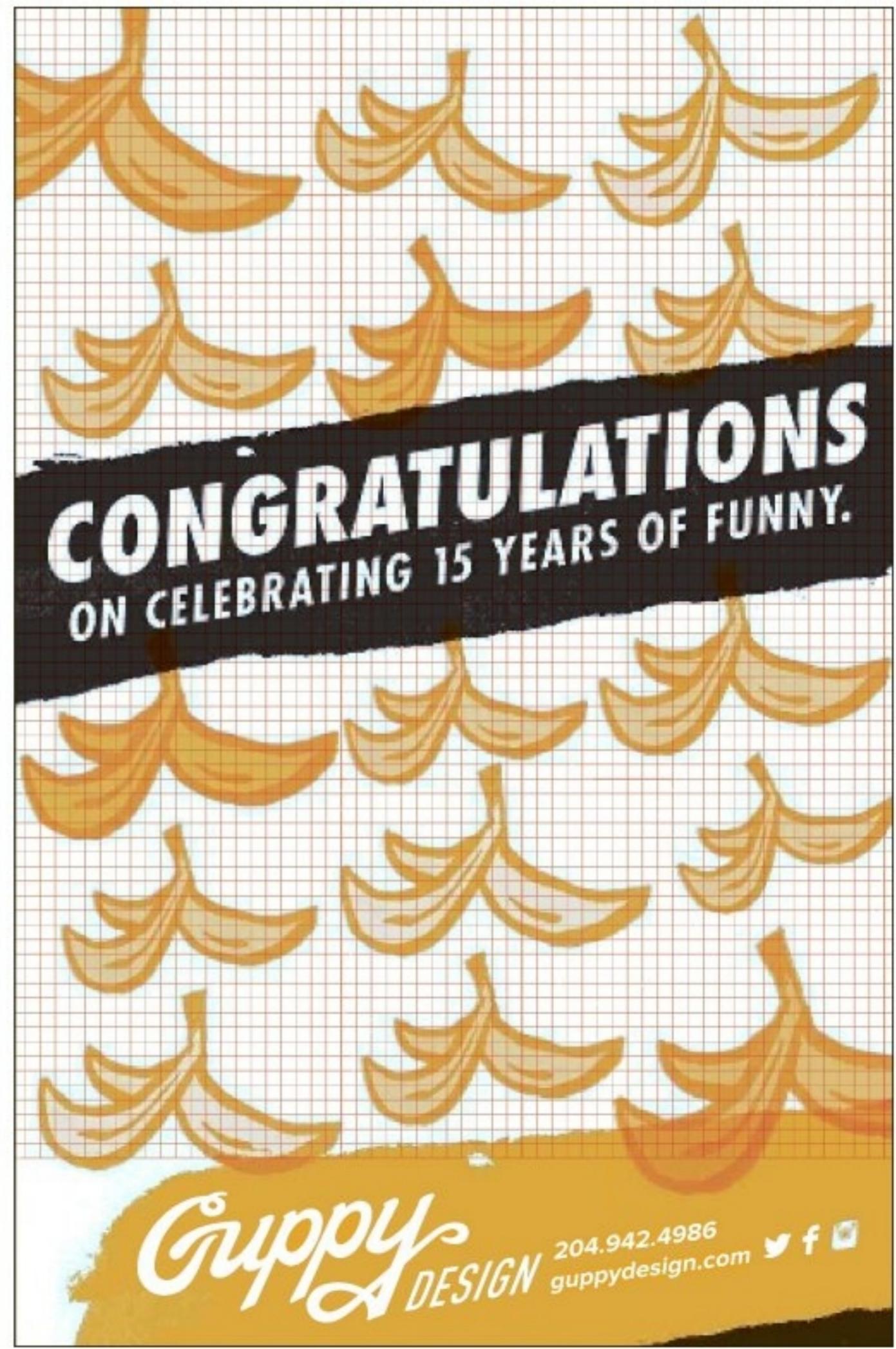
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THURSDAY, APRIL 7

819.7 Free Comedy

Millennium Library | 12:15 pm | Tickets: Free

CAST: Jeremy Woodcock, Ashley Burdett, Paul Rabliauskas

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Sketch Comedy Revue

Gas Station Arts Centre | 7:30 pm | Tickets: \$15

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Neighbourhoods

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CAST: Dan Verville, Paul Rabliauskas , Rory Tracey, Lee White, Deb Patterson, Ellen Peterson, Jeremy Willamez, Bruce Clark, The 28th Minute

The festival shines a comedy light on Winnipeg's storied neighbourhoods. We have selected comics, actors and storytellers to highlight their own neighbourhoods, and take us on a hilarious tour of the city without leaving your seat. Hosted by Bill Richardson.



WCF Rumor's Comedy Club Series

Rumor's Comedy Club | 7:45 pm | Tickets: \$15 (18+ no minors)

FEATURING: Greg Morton

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Lost in Translation, Perdu en quoi?

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CAST: Stephen Sim, Caitlin Curtis, Eric Plamondon, George Grenier, Lynne Connelly

MUSIC BY: DJ Hunnicutt

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Coast to Coast Comedy

Club Regent Event Centre | 8:00 pm | Tickets: \$20

HOSTED BY: Steve Patterson

CAST: Nikki Payne, Jess Salomon, Big Daddy Tazz, Erica Sigurdson, Pat Thornton, Graham Clark, Derek Seguin

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The Best of WCF on Tour

Morris, MB

Morris Multiplex | 8:00 pm | Tickets: \$20

CAST: Lori Gibbs, Kyle Bottom, Mayce Galoni, Andy Noble, Dan Glasswick

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Tales from Late Night

The Park Theatre | 9:00 pm | Tickets: \$20

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CAST: Greg Morton, Seán Cullen, Phil Hanley, John Wing, DeAnne Smith

Tales from Late Night is a live talk show all about late night talk shows and comedy. Your host Bruce Clark will host with Andy Kindler as his 2nd banana. Guests will talk about their experience doing stand-up on network TV and we will all get to peak into that side of the comedy world.

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Good People with Pete Johansson

The Park Theatre | 11:00 pm | Tickets: \$15

STARRING: Pete Johansson

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FEATURING: Graham Clark

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CRUMBS & Friends

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MUSIC BY: DJ Hunnicutt

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The Pantages Playhouse | 6:45 pm | Tickets: \$37

HOSTED BY: Craig Lauzon

CAST: Dan Taylor, Vishal Ramesh, Dave Merheje, Nour Hadidi, Martha Chaves, Mark Heath

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Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Gala Truth Bomb

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CAST: Danish Anwar, DeAnne Smith, Peter White, Adrienne Fish, Pete Johansson, Simon King



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SATURDAY, APRIL 9

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CLASSIC TOYS Were they the best? Greg Morton vs. Nikki Payne

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The No Bro Show 3

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FEATURING: John Wing

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All Foul, No Harm

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HOSTED BY: Nikki Payne

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Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Gala The 15th Anniversary Show

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THE MAN BUN Is it magnificent? Séan Cullen vs. Simon King

* Topic order is subject to change

"You're Welcome" The Refugee Show

Gas Station Arts Centre | 2:00 pm | Tickets: Free

HOSTED BY: Martha Chaves

CAST: Nour Hadidi, Autumn Crossman, Vishal Ramesh, Eman El-Husseini

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Gas Station Arts Centre | 4:00 pm | Tickets: Free

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Club Regent Event Centre | 7:00 pm | Tickets: \$25

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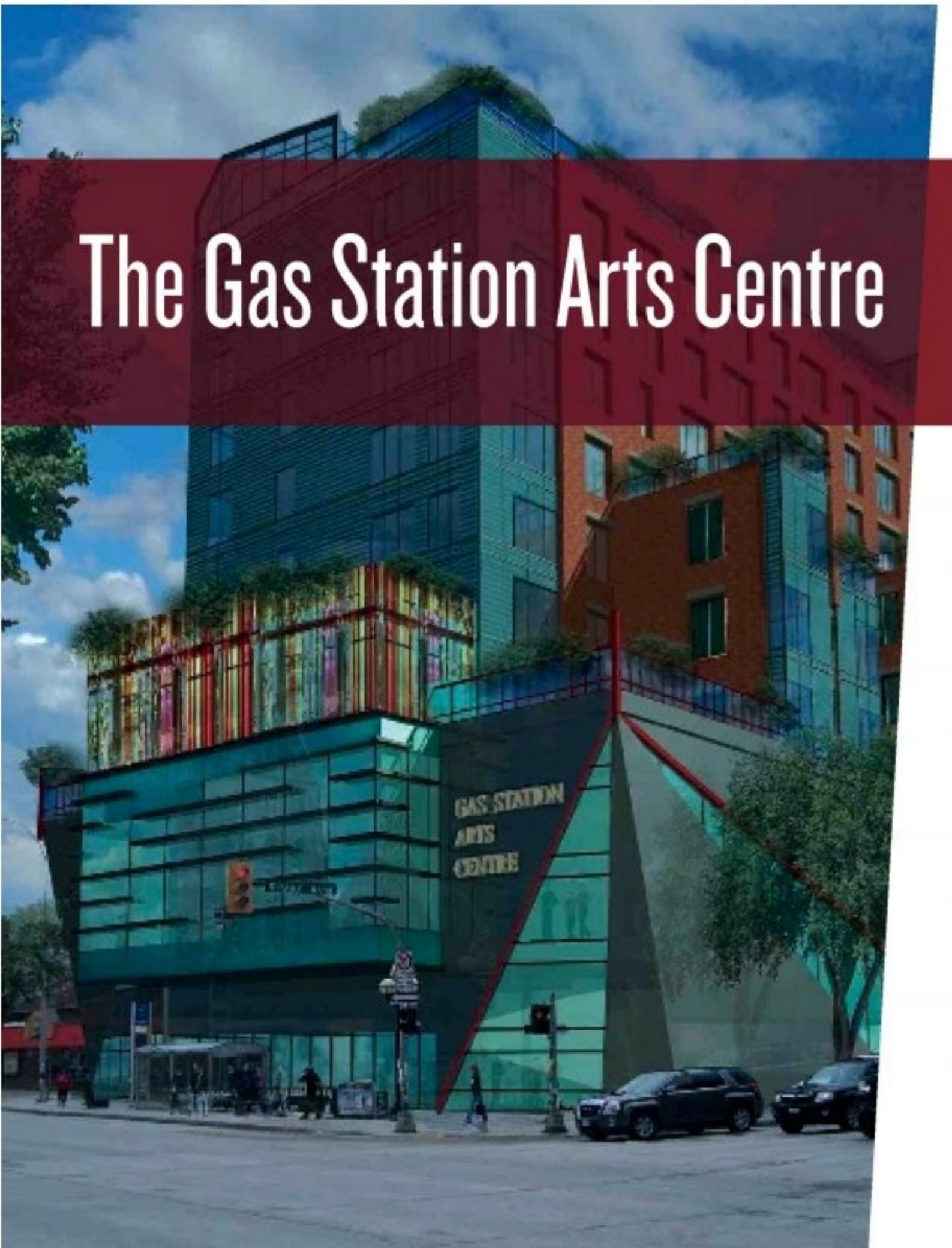
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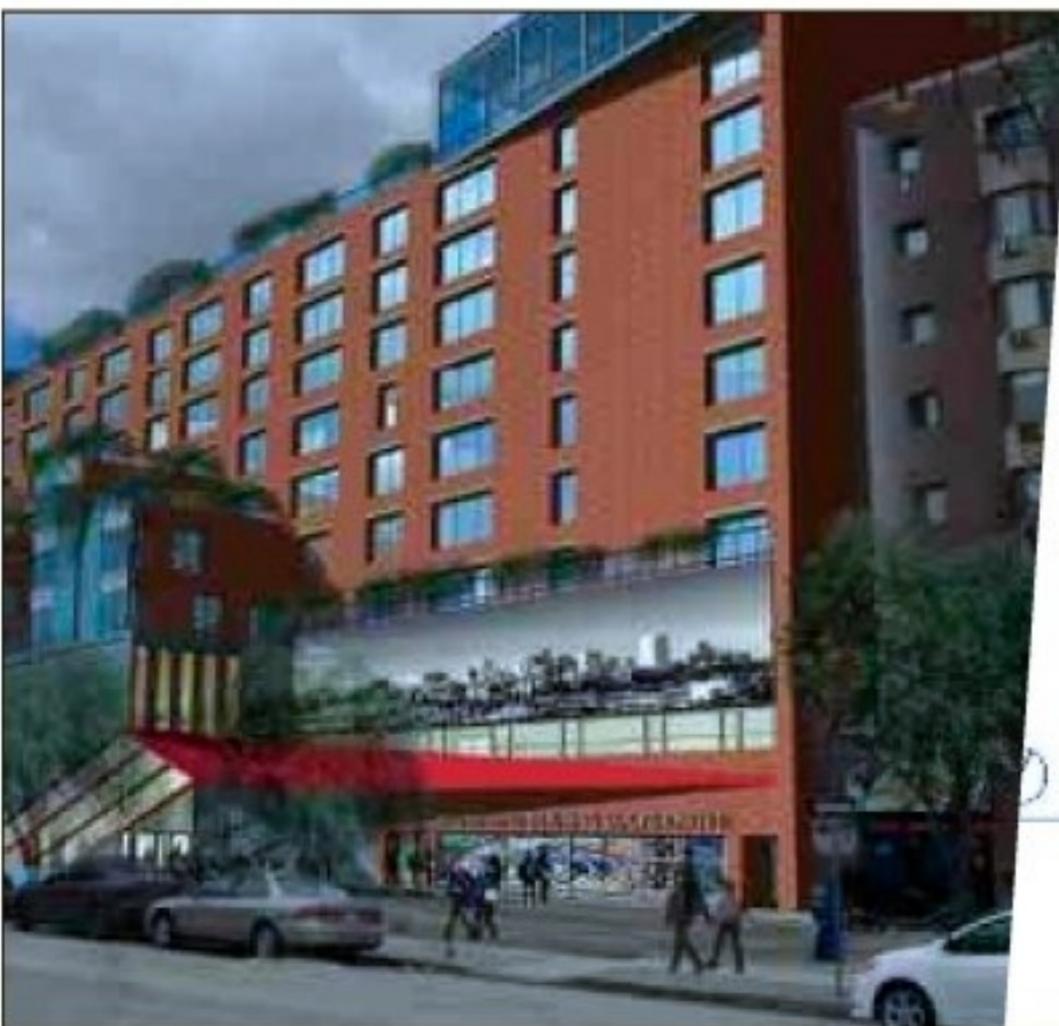
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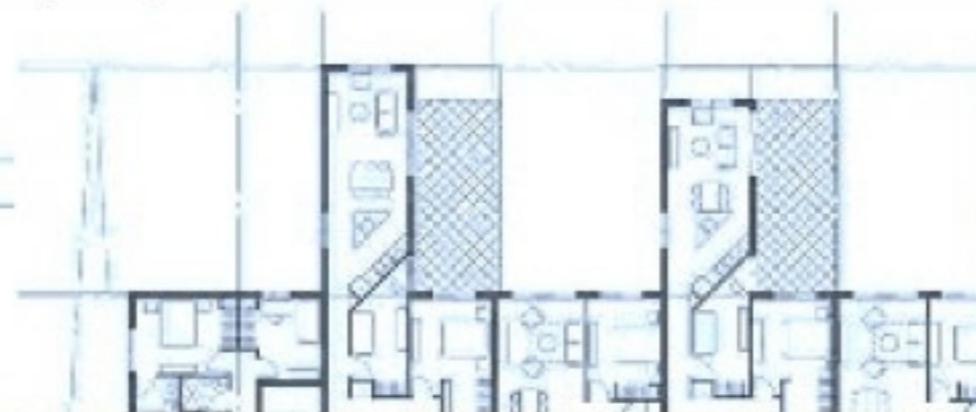
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TERROR ATTACK ON BRUSSELS

TERMINOLOGY

Terrorist organization will be referred to as 'Daesh'

Starting today, Metro will refer to terrorist organization ISIS or ISIL by the title Daesh: In long-form Arabic, al-Dawla al-Islamiya fi al-Iraq wa al-Sham.

Daesh itself has abandoned the shortened term because it is too close to the Arabic words that mean "one who crushes underfoot," or "sowers of discord." It's also similar to the word for bigot. Those translations are much closer to the truth, and have the added benefit that "Daesh" insults, rather than flatters, the group. METRO

SOLIDARITY

Canadians mourn adopted city



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Despite Tuesday's terror attacks, Canadians living in Brussels say the city remains "charming" and "resilient."

A Toronto man living in Brussels says the city is feeling "anger and sadness in equal measure" after a pair of terror attacks rocked the Belgian capital Tuesday.

Dylan White was on his way out the door, en route to the Brussels airport, Tuesday morning when he got a text from a friend.

"They told me to stay at home

and turn on the news," he said. "And that's where I've been all day, just checking Twitter and listening to the sirens go by."

At least 34 people have been confirmed dead and another 170 wounded in apparent suicide bomb attacks at the airport and Maelbeek metro station.

If White's flight — a planned vacation to meet his sister in Thailand — had been even a few hours earlier, he could have been among the victims.

"It's been a strange day," he said.

White, 27, moved to Brussels two and half years ago as part of his career in international relations. He said the city has

been on edge ever since the Paris terror attacks in November — which authorities believed were planned in the heavily Muslim neighbourhood of Molenbeek in Brussels.

"Any time you're in a crowded public place, there is a sense of danger," White said. "There is a sense among people here that it was only a matter of time until something like this happened."

That said, White hopes his fellow Canadians back home don't get the wrong impression of Brussels.

"It's not a place ruled by fear or suspicion, he said, but rather "a quirky, fun and charming city."

'In this time of tragedy'

BELGIUM ATTACKS

At least 34 dead after two explosions in airport, subway

Islamic extremists struck Tuesday in the heart of Europe, killing at least 34 people and wounding scores of others in back-to-back bombings of the Brussels airport and subway that again laid bare the continent's vulnerability to suicide squads.

Bloodied and dazed travellers staggered from the airport after two explosions — at least one blamed on a suicide attacker and another reportedly on a suitcase bomb — tore through crowds checking in for morning flights. About 40 minutes later, another blast struck subway commuters in central Brussels near the Maelbeek station, which sits amid the European Commission headquarters.

Authorities released a photo taken from closed-circuit TV footage of three men pushing luggage carts, saying two of them appar-

ently were the suicide bombers and that the third — dressed in a light-colored coat, black hat and glasses — was at large. In its claim of responsibility, the Daesh group said its members detonated suicide vests both at the airport and in the subway.

Belgium raised its terror alert to the highest level, shut the airport through Wednesday and ordered a citywide lockdown, deploying about 500 soldiers onto Brussels' largely empty streets to bolster police checkpoints.

In police raids across Brussels, authorities later found a nail-

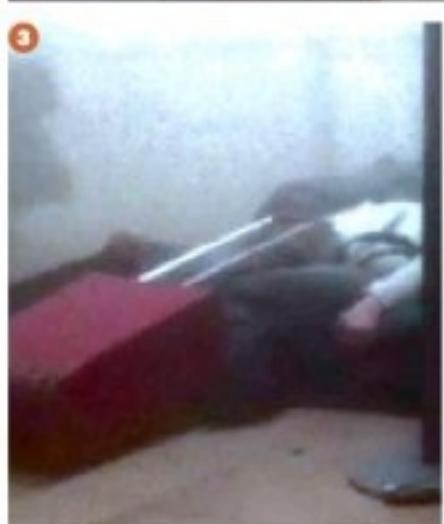
filled bomb, chemical products and a Daesh flag in a house in the Schaerbeek neighbourhood, the state prosecutors' office said in a statement.

German police say three Kosovars who are suspected of possible links to an extremist network have been arrested on the Munich-Salzburg highway in the south of the country.

"In this time of tragedy, this black moment for our country, I appeal to everyone to remain calm but also to show solidarity," said Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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BELGIUM MOBILIZES

1 High security measures — Police forces make searches inside the North station in Brussels.

2 Suspects' photos released — A picture released by the Belgian federal police shows the suspects.

3 Videos surface — This image grab from a video by RTL TVI shows people lying on the floor after the blast. ALL PHOTOS: AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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TERRORIST ATTACK ON BRUSSELS

Fear is part of life in Europe

ALERT

Cities spared violence so far watching in trepidation

Paris, Copenhagen, Brussels. In just over a year three European capitals have been ravaged by bombs and gunfire.

After each attack life slowly returns to normal. But it's a new normal for Europe, where terror alerts are always on high and where people in cities so far spared major violence assume it's a matter of when, not if.

"With each atrocity that occurs we change," said Ian Duncan, a Scottish member of the European Parliament in Brussels. "We become less open. We pull down barriers and close doors. But it is a direction we are following now."

The carnage in Brussels on Tuesday came as Europe was still reeling from the November attacks in Paris that killed



A Belgian soldier patrols outside Brussels Central Station as people are allowed in groups of ten to reach the station to catch their commuter train following attacks in Brussels. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

130 people. In the following months France and Belgium have looked like countries at least partially at war, with soldiers in the streets, lockdowns and deadly shootouts

with militants.

The rest of Europe has watched with trepidation.

"These were attacks in Belgium. They could just as well be attacks in Britain or France

or Germany or elsewhere in Europe," British Prime Minister David Cameron told the BBC on Tuesday.

French President Francois Hollande said the attacks tar-

geted all of Europe and he warned of a long "war" ahead.

Though people in Western Europe have dealt with the threat of violence for decades, the idea that a "war" is playing out in their streets is hard to imagine. But the recent frequency and scale of attacks have made some Europeans feel that it's just something they have to get used to.

In Moscow, security has been tightened notably at everyday locations in the wake of a series of attacks in the past 15 years. There are metal detectors at the entrances to all subway stations, all passenger rail stations do luggage scans, most indoor shopping centres have metal detectors and glowering guards. Airports do luggage scans at the entrance.

In Western Europe people are more reluctant to trade civil liberties and an open society for more security. But after each attack that equation changes, said Catherine Muller,

of the Institute of Development Studies in Brighton, England.

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Copycat attacks expected

The Obama administration stepped up security at major transit hubs across the country after Tuesday's airport and subway bombings in Brussels, as top U.S. intelligence officials warned of the risk for copycat attacks at home. President Barack Obama vowed to help Belgium track down those responsible for the deadly explosions.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson stressed there is no "specific, credible intelligence" pointing to a similar plot in America, but he said the Transportation Security Administration would deploy additional security at major airports and rail stations in different cities.

Officials also reviewed additional security measures for travellers from Belgium, among more than three dozen countries whose citizens generally don't need a visa to enter the U.S.

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DEFIANCE

Display of solidarity in chalk

A pedestrian strip outside the stock exchange in Brussels became a colourful canvas of support and defiance after Tuesday's deadly bombings as those wanting to show solidarity chalked messages — in French, Flemish, English, Arabic and Cyrillic script and more.

A few thousand people were gathered at Brussels' Place de la Bourse late Tuesday to draw more messages and light candles. One group broke into Edith Piaf's "Hymne à l'amour" (Hymn to Love) as onlookers applauded. Next, they sang the Belgian national anthem, in both French and Flemish.

Many of the drawings were joyous, with slogans like "Spread love," "Live and Let Live" and "Love is my religion." Others were more political: "Stop this war in Syria," or simply raw — one small message read: "I'm scared."

The vibe was generally upbeat, with laughing and joking, but there was a strong undercurrent of sadness.

Pepijn Kennis, 27, had tears in his eyes as he and his girlfriend drew the words "Hart Bove Haat" (Heart over Hate) in pink and yellow chalk in front of the Bourse.

Kennis said he was distraught by the sight of soldiers and heavy weaponry now com-



Solidarity messages outside the stock exchange in Brussels.

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monplace across the Belgian capital. "The minute we put soldiers in the street, they've won," he said.

At the centre of the square, a memorial was improvised out of flags, tea lights, balloons, flowers and — because this is Belgium — beer bottles.

Karien Fouwels was gently scolding her daughter Chiraz as they lit a candle for the vigil.

"It's important for us to be here," she told her daughter as the latter complained that there were "no kids around."

Fouwels, a 47-year-old account director, smiled warmly

when asked why she came.

"Our whole life is in this city," said Fouwels, a Brussels native. She said she dragged her 13-year-old out to show her that "we can't stop living just because of some monstrous idiots who are driven by ideology. That's why we bring coffee to soldiers. Why we bring flowers to vigils. Again and again."

"It has to be a lesson for my little girl," she said, as her now-mollified daughter leaned against her. "That she learns ... never to be scared."

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD A VERY BIG NEWS DAY

WHEN OUR PURPOSE IS CLEAR

Sometimes, when a major story breaks, and then another major story breaks, and then a few medium-sized stories break — and all this happens before a long-scheduled announcement, which everyone thought would be the day's main story, is formally released — journalists are able to temporarily set aside their competitiveness and existential angst. For once, we're not trying to scoop each other and justify our existence. **We know what needs doing — we just need to do it**

The day began with the terrorist bombing in Brussels. A phone alarm ringing, the CNN breaking-news alert flashed red across the screen. At least 26 dead in two attacks (it would rise to 30), and many more injured.

The American network mocked for overplaying its breaking-news banner wasn't upselling this.

In the news business, it would be a big day. The kind of day where journalists around the world wrestle with one story, seek to make sense of one globally reverberating event. In their own ways, from their own perch on the world. Walking into work, you could imagine reporters in hundreds of cities, most especially in Europe, pushing open newsroom doors with the same questions on their mind: What happened in Brussels, how and why, and what will happen next? And how do we cover it?

How do we tell people what is going on?

Live-feeds began rolling: piecemeal and conflicting reports that slowly coalesced into a truer picture. Journalists hugged the bombing sites, reporting any and all details. One Sky News reporter was at the airport buying chocolate for his children, so close to the explosion that he could not only hear, but feel the blasts. "There was the smell — the sort of acrid smell of smoke. Instinctively we knew it was a terrorist attack. I didn't think it could be anything else," he later wrote.

Tuesday was the kind of day that feels worth it. When journalists aren't tolerated — they are needed. People need the context. They need the news.



It's in the wake of huge, emotionally charged stories like yesterday's violence in Brussels that the media most resembles the indispensable information commons that it purports to be. TWITTER

Then, by midday, Rob Ford's family had announced the popular-yet-detested, controversial-yet-engrossing, outsized-in-so-many-ways former mayor had died

after fighting the rare and aggressive form of cancer, pleomorphic liposarcoma.

Condolences from adversaries and friends flooded social media and were plucked by reporters to fill news-story soundbites. Colourful obituaries, the only kind imaginable for Ford, shot up on websites. Breaking-news specials, recorded in advanced, co-opted national networks.

Rob Ford: 1969-2016. Twitter says some were

celebrating the death, but I never saw it. I saw photos of lineups at city hall, where mourners waited to sign a condolence book. My colleague Jessica Smith Cross, at the scene, found supporters "already missing Ford," who had come to remember "the people's mayor."

The Toronto Star, vilified by Ford during his tenure, used soft language to report his death and encapsulate his impact on

city politics. On national politics, really. Meanwhile, the family that managed to stay so out-of-the-headlines even while Ford was all the world could talk about, asked for privacy from the media.

They had lost a father/brother/son/uncle, after all. While the rest of us had only lost an avatar.

Across Toronto, there was again the feeling of reporters — on death watch since news on Thursday that Ford was in palliative care — collectively breathing in, and publishing the best take they had on Ford's legacy.

How were his passionate, hyper-loyal acolytes — Ford Nation — handling the news? What did his loss mean to them? Would they ever coalesce around a voice like that again? And are there other Rob Fords, in other Canadian cities, ready to upend politics-as-usual and unearth a hitherto silent but angry constituency?

Then: "F-k!" a colleague yelled, pushing back from his desk. "We have a pedestrian death, on top of everything."

By "everything," he also meant the much-anticipated federal budget, which, at around 4 p.m., pushed through many of the Liberals' campaign promises, billions on infrastructure, indigenous peoples and child care, along with something that wasn't promised: a much deeper deficit.

"Is the new Canada Child Benefit fair," one reporter tweeted, with a link to analysis, in one of hundreds of niche headlines to emerge. After the minister of finance finished his speech, premiers and mayors walked up to podiums to pronounce on their pet interests wrapped up in the \$300-billion budget, and the news cycle whirled on.

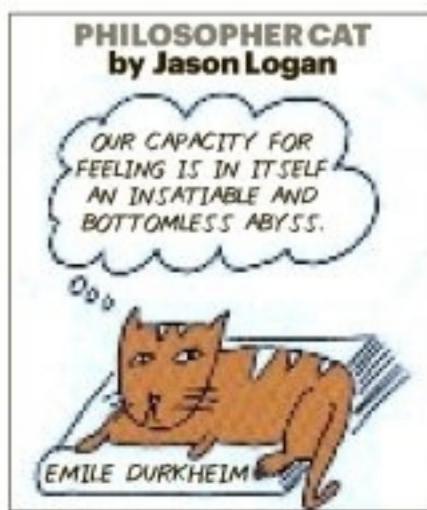
The day was a microcosm for our super-speed world, a tight 24 hours of information overload. "This might be the most newsy day of my entire career as a journalist," a desk mate quipped.

It was also the kind of day that feels worth it. When journalists aren't tolerated — they are needed. Something important has happened (or many things). People want to know what, exactly. People need the context. They need the news.

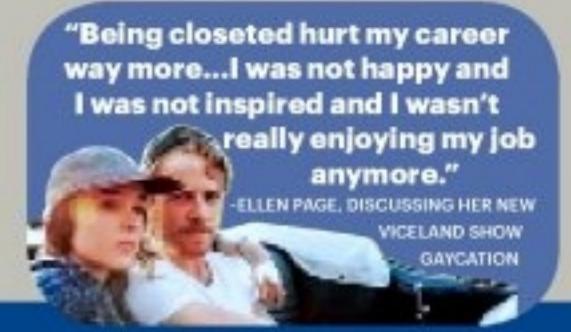
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—ELLEN PAGE, DISCUSSING HER NEW VICELAND SHOW GAYCATION

Budget delivers artists a break

The Liberals are investing more than \$1.9 billion in arts and culture over the next five years. Beyond an additional \$575 million in cultural infrastructure funding (for museums and heritage sites), the budget allocates money to bodies that distribute grants and commission work. It's good news for young artists. **MEGAN HAYNES/METRO**

MACKENZIE DONALDSON FILMMAKER IN TORONTO

Canadian cinema relies almost exclusively on grants and organizations like Telefilm or the Independent Production Fund for financing. But it can be hard for filmmakers to get in on the action. Mackenzie Donaldson, 28, personally financed her first two short films.

It wasn't until she came on board in 2014 to produce the critically acclaimed web series *Whatever, Linda*, which follows secretaries running a Ponzi scheme in the 1970s, that she was able to access any third-party financing.

Her next project, a feature-length film based on a Susan Swan novel, just received funding from Telefilm.

"That money just makes it so much easier to carve out the time (to work on the film), pay our writers. Now this project has a future," she says.

"Competition (for funding) is fierce, but raising up the young producers and filmmakers in this country is vital for the future of Canadian cinema. It's hugely important that money exists."



LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

JENNIFER CRIGHTON ARTIST IN CALGARY

Calgary-based Jennifer Crighton, 35, isn't a starving artist. But she's not exactly rolling in the dough. The musician and visual artist has a salaried job with the Calgary International Film Festival, but her art shows only pay \$200 (which is not a lot considering how much work goes into creating her art), and music gigs inconsistently pay anywhere from \$50 to \$400.

But more funding at the federal level isn't necessarily going to change things, she says. Grants, one of the more common ways artist can access federal money, are difficult to get. What's more, the funds usually only pay for the artistic project itself, leaving little to line the creators' pockets.

"It's hard to make good work if you're worried about paying for it," she says.

"The best way to make sure you're getting good work is to guarantee the artists' fees first."



KENNETH APPLEBY/METRO

KEATON LEIER DANCER IN WINNIPEG

Keaton Leier, a 19-year-old from Saskatoon, is in his final year of training at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School and looking for his next opportunity on the stage. He plans to pursue a career as a ballet dancer — a daunting task considering the limited spots in Canada or around the world. It's also not a particularly lucrative career. The majority of professional dancers earn less than \$50,000, and that varies by company and position.

Training is expensive: the seven-year program costs more than \$154,000.

Leier has received some federally funded scholarships over the years, but roughly 50 per cent of his financing comes from private donors. Increased federal funding could provide a sense of stability, he says, since private donors don't have to recommit year-over-year.

Overall, Leier is grateful for whatever money flows through the arts.

"I wouldn't be the same dancer I am now if it weren't for these scholarships," he says.



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A BREAKDOWN OF BUDGET FUNDS

WHAT WAS PROMISED

The Liberal party promised to reinvest in the CBC to the tune of \$75 million additional funding in 2016, and up to \$150 million in annual funding by 2017.

The Liberal government promised to double the budget for the Canadian Council of the arts, which provides grants to artists and musicians across Canada. It promised \$90 million in 2016, and then an additional \$180 million by 2017.

The Liberals also said they would provide \$10 million in funding for international arts and cultural exchange programs for 2016, and then an additional \$25 million in funding in 2017 and 2018.

During the campaign both Telefilm and the National Film Board, which fund Canadian cinema, were promised an additional \$25 million annually between the two organizations.

DID THE BUDGET MEET EXPECTATIONS?

“It’s really pleasing to see after so many years of funding cuts, you have a government willing to make an investment in cultural creation. Our hope is some of it will be earmarked for Canadian original independent productions with Canadian talent.” Elliott Anderson, acting director of public policy research and communication, ACTRA



“The (CCA’s) budget will be doubled. It will take five years, as opposed to two, but it means the Canada Council can align its strategic plan over the next five years with the reinvestment by the government. It’s a great day for the arts.” Simon Brault, CEO and director, Canada Council for the Arts



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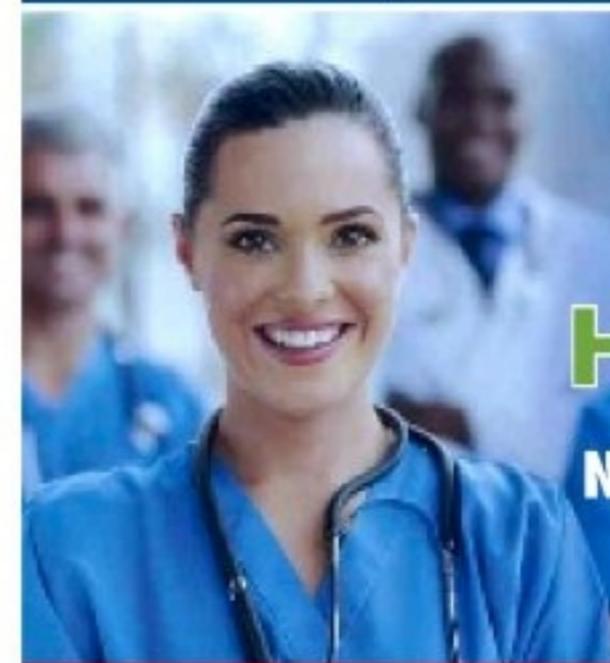
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FESTIVAL

Women feature in Hot Docs lineup



Alethea Arnaquq-Baril’s doc Angry Inuk looks at how Inuit have been affected by animal-rights campaigns that focus on seal hunting in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A five-episode look at the O.J. Simpson trial and a profile of motivational speaker Tony Robbins are among the projects screening at this year’s Hot Docs festival in Toronto, which will open with Toronto director Rama Rau’s profile of aging burlesque dancers in Las Vegas.

O.J. Simpson: Made in America director Ezra Edelman is expected to be at the Toronto fest along with New York Times sports columnist Robert Lipsyte and a “special guest.” The title is sure to be a buzzy one, as it comes on the heels of the hit FX drama The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story.

“What drew us to the series was just how damn good it is, what a great story it is, and this perspective 20-plus years later on a case that anyone that was around knew about, was engaged by, was dipping into,” said Shane Smith, Hot Docs director of programming. “It’s beautifully constructed, it’s really smart, it delves into racial issues at the time, the creation of celebrity, the myth of celebrity.”

Robbins is also expected to at-

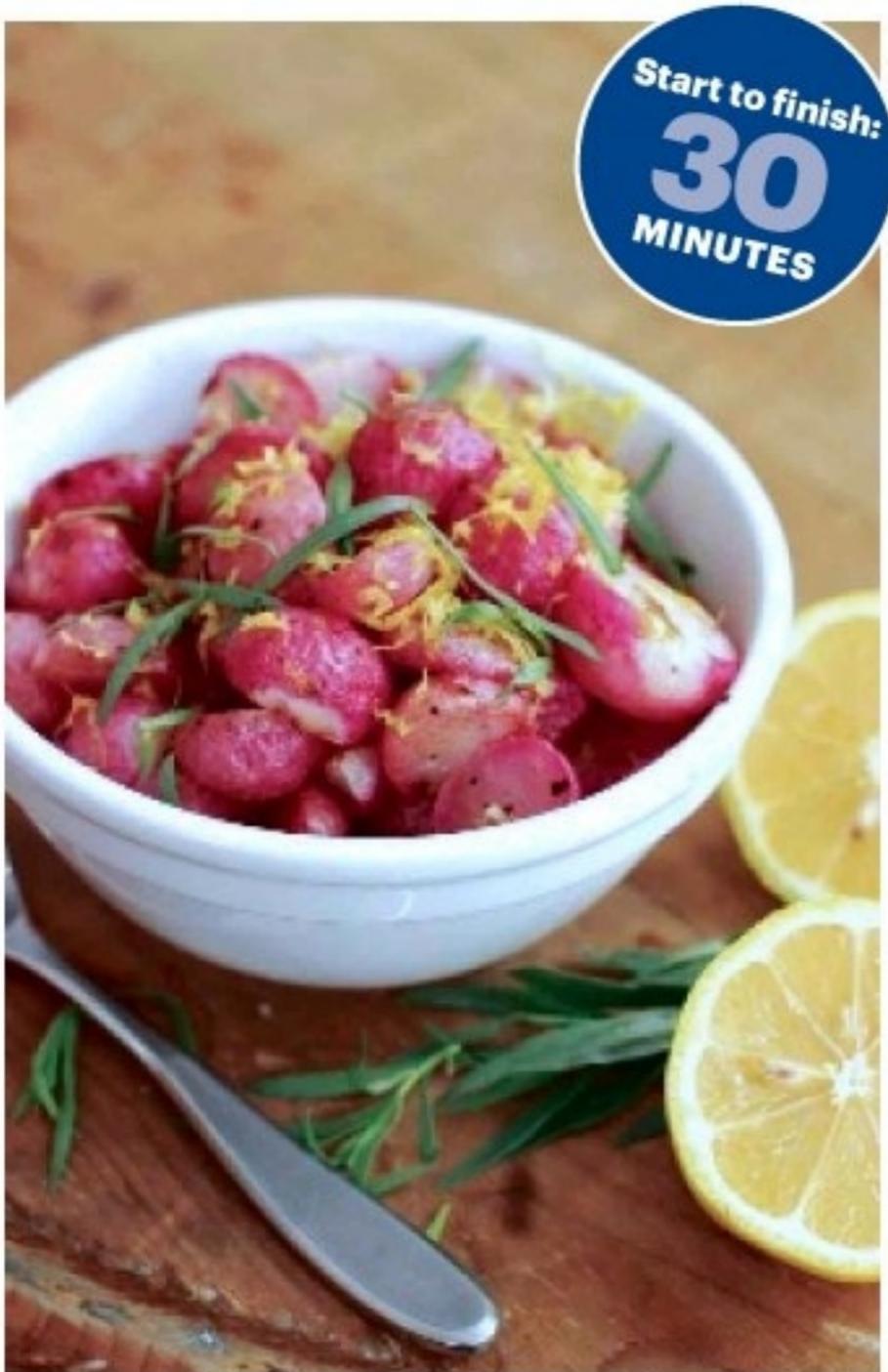
tend the fest, along with director Joe Berlinger, for Tony Robbins: I Am Not Your Guru.

The Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival kicks off April 28 with Rau’s League of Exotic Dancers, about Burlesque Hall of Fame members who still perform on-stage. “It has entertainment, sex, issues, comedy, humour — it’s got everything that a film could possibly have,” said Rau.

Indeed, the empowerment of women is felt in several films at the fest, which has 232 titles from a festival-high 51 countries. Other examples include director Tiffany Hsiung’s The Apology, about former “comfort women,” a euphemism given to over 200,000 young girls and women who were forced into sexual slavery by the Imperial Japanese Army during the Second World War.

Alethea Arnaquq-Baril’s Angry Inuk looks at how Inuit have been affected by animal-rights campaigns that focus on seal hunting in Canada.

The fest runs through May 8. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Lemon zest and tarragon leaves add a surprising spring zing to Butter Roasted Radishes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Radically delish roast radish dish

RECIPE

Sharp root veg takes on fresh spring taste that's perfect for Easter

Easter sides are depressingly predictable. There will be asparagus, of course. If you're lucky, there might even be three or four variations of asparagus. And there will be peas. And gratin potatoes. And probably some sort of salad that most people will only eat to be polite. Not that there's anything wrong with any of this.

It's just that it would be nice to offer something... different. So we'll help you with this one.

Try butter roasted radishes with tarragon and lemon. It's a simple dish that comes together in minutes, but has a wonderful flavour that is both rich and light and lemony — the perfect combination for spring.

Butter Roasted Radishes with Tarragon and Lemon

5. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Servings: 6

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds radishes, halved
- 3 Tbsp butter, melted
- kosher salt and ground black pepper
- zest of 1 lemon
- 2 Tbsp chopped fresh tarragon

Directions:

1. Heat the oven to 375 F.
2. Pile the radish halves in the centre of a rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle with the butter and toss to coat. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
3. Roast for 20 minutes, or until tender and lightly browned.
4. Arrange on a platter, then sprinkle with the lemon zest and tarragon.



Nutritional info per serving:

80 calories; 50 calories from fat (63 per cent of total calories); 6 g fat (3.5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 15 mg cholesterol; 220 mg sodium; 5 g carbohydrate; 2 g fibre; 3 g sugar; 1 g protein. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EASTER WINE

Chocolate bunny gets a sophisticated pairing

Easter is really the only time of the year I bite the bunny and purchase chocolate. And, I like to wash down my confections with a glass or two of vino.

When it comes to milk chocolate, something boozy or sweet or both make a great pairing. A tawny port or sweeter sherry share both qualities, while the nectar-like goodness of a dessert wine, like a French Sauternes, makes a decadent marriage.

For a more mainstream match try a white made with the Moscato grape and reds from Pinot Noir or old vines Zinfandel.

California's Meiomi 2013 Pinot Noir (\$24.95 - \$29.99) is a mouthful of rich, thick berry fruit with a creamy quality that not only charms chocolate, it's poultry and ham friendly, too if you can save any for Easter dinner.

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**HERE'S WHY****Equivalent in sugar to 7 Old Fashion Timbits**

Club soda and tonic water are popular mixes for cocktails, and many of us assume that tonic water is similar to club soda in ingredients and nutrients. However, the bitter-tasting tonic water is more like other sugar-filled beverages, like pop. In fact, one glass of gin & tonic serves up as much sugar as seven Old Fashion Timbits in sugar. For a mix that's sugar-free, pick up club soda, which is just carbonated water. Bottoms up!

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RECIPE**Spicy cold milk for hot Holi**

This week Hindus celebrate Holi, the festival of colours most recognized worldwide by the sight of people throwing brightly coloured powders at each other. Thandai, a cold, spiced milk provides some relief to revellers when much of India is experiencing temperatures well past 30C.

Typically thandai contains "bhang," a form of cannabis, but we'll wait for the green light from Prime Minister Trudeau before we add that to the recipe. If you want a more legal buzz, try spiking it with vodka.

You can find melon seeds, more accurately the dried seeds of muskmelons, at Indian grocers under the name "magaz" or "char magaz" but if you can't find them, omit from the recipe.

Thandai

Makes 4 servings.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup ground almonds
- 1/4 cup water, plus more for thinning out drink
- 1 1/2 tsp black peppercorns
- 1 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- 1 Tbsp fennel seeds
- 2 Tbsp white poppy seeds
- 8 green cardamom pods



Thandai is reminiscent of chai. KARON LUI/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

- 3 Tbsp melon seeds
- 10 shelled pistachios
- 1 1/2 cup whole milk
- 5 Tbsp granulated sugar
- 1 small pinch saffron strands
- Rose petals, for garnish
- Ice

Directions:

1. In a small mixing bowl, whisk together ground almonds and water until a smooth paste forms. Set aside.

2. In a spice grinder, grind peppercorns, ginger, fennel seeds, poppy seeds, carda-

mom pods, melon seeds and pistachios into a fine powder. Set aside.

3. In a saucepan over medium heat, bring milk, sugar and saffron to a gentle simmer. Whisk until sugar has dissolved. Add ground spices and almond paste. Whisk until smooth. Strain with a fine mesh sieve if desired.

4. Pour into pitcher. Dilute with water to taste. Refrigerate till cold and serve over ice. Garnish with rose petals, if using. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

Debra Messing's diet detective show

THE SHOW: *The Mysteries of Laura*, Season 2, Episode 14
CTV/NBC

THE MOMENT: *The Mascara*

New York homicide detective Laura Diamond (Debra Messing) sits in a hospital waiting room with the wife of the Cuban ambassador, who fell ill on a diplomatic mission. Though he's in surgery, his wife serenely applies makeup.

"When Jake was in surgery, I was a mess," Laura whispers to a colleague about her wise-cracking ex-husband, played by Josh Lucas.

"But she's so calm. Too calm!"

Laura continues thinking out loud: And she put on mascara — waterproof mascara. Because she's preparing to cry! Because she knows he's going to die! Because she and his surgeon are lovers! And they're going to kill him!

She rushes into the OR, gun raised. She's right about everything.

Oh, Laura, you adorable smarty-pants! Earlier this week I wrote about another

woman cop show, the British series *Happy Valley*.

You are the American cartoon version: Diet Cop. Cop Lite.

You're always sighing about your complicated life; a single mother, you work with your ex, whom you still love. (When you and he watch surveillance videos, you tussle cutely for the remote.)

Yet your curls cascade down your back like a hair model's and your flannel shirts are more precisely fitted than most Oscar gowns.

There are two kinds of cop shows, Laura: the cable kind, with tortured outcomes, where everyone is smarter than the audience; and yours, with simple (waterproof!) outcomes that make the audience feel smart along with you. You're as unthreatening as applesauce.

So the mystery of your popularity — why, it's no mystery at all.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



Debra Messing, with curls cascading down her back, stars in a cop show as threatening as apple sauce. CONTRIBUTED



Alice Vaughan (Mireille Enos, left) is LA's top private investigator. She stars alongside Elvy Yost, right, in Shonda Rhimes' latest series *The Catch*. CONTRIBUTED

The Shondaland hit recipe

THE CATCH

How beloved Shonda Rhimes continuously cranks out hits

It's no secret that when it comes to successful Thursday-night dramas, producer, creator and writer extraordinaire Shonda Rhimes has the winning formula. ABC has dubbed Thursdays TGIT after her primetime lineup of shows — between *Grey's Anatomy*, *Scandal* and *How to Get Away with Murder* she's given viewers successful female characters and hired people of colour on a scale unlike any other. "Shonda just has a magic formula to make these shows that are beloved," says Mireille Enos, who debuts in ShondaLand's latest show, *The Catch*, on Thursday.

So what is that magic formula?

One part leading lady

Rhimes has always written (or

taught her fellow showrunners to write) interesting and dynamic female characters. From the moment Ellen Pompeo walked the halls of Seattle Grace as Meredith Grey, she and the leading ladies who followed captivated a new wave of viewers with each debut. Now, the hospital on *Grey's Anatomy* is mostly run by females, Kerry Washington's Olivia Pope (seen below) has the ear of the president anytime she chooses, and Viola Davis's Annalise Keating is one of the most sought-after lawyers in the country.

That trend continues with *The Catch*, as Enos's Alice Vaughan proves she's one of the best private investigators around.

Two parts newbies

Viewers have always entered ShondaLand shows through fresh eyes. Adding in characters who would naturally have to ask questions allows for quick world-

building while never talking down to viewers, making them feel as though they're along for the ride. We're talking about the interns of *Grey's Anatomy*, new *Gladiator* recruit Quinn (Katie Lowes) on *Scandal*, and the Keating Five on *How to Get Away with Murder*. While *The Catch* features a little less of that concept, new hire Sophie (Elvy Yost) allows for the blanks to be filled in.

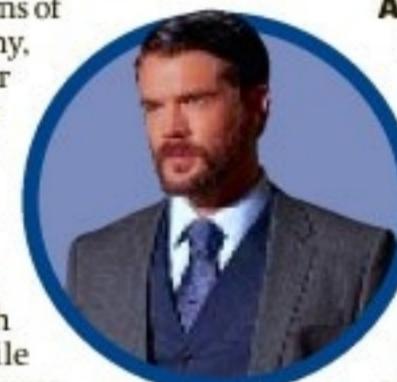
One part heightened reality

In real life, people don't begin speaking in monologues during a conversation to prove a point. For that matter, they probably wouldn't be able to keep up the ridiculous workloads these characters do without a heart attack. Adding in that heightened sense of reality of a hospital staff, political fixer, criminal lawyer or private investigator gives the

audience a salacious hook to hold onto while enjoying their series guilt-free.

A sprinkle of hot men

The men on these series have always been more than arm candy. While some have come with muscles and dashing smiles (see Charlie Weber, left), others have won over viewers' hearts with their ability to let down their emotional guard. The latest male to join the melee is *The Catch's* Benjamin Jones (Peter Krause). While his motives are unclear and he comes across as shady in the pilot, he quickly becomes an equal for Alice to tango with as the series continues to unfold.



A generous helping of diversity

While there's still a long way to go, it's series like these that have begun to finally change the whitewashing Hollywood has demonstrated for far too long.

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Under electric mode the Volt is extremely quiet and quite powerful. The gas engine kicks in smoothly, but it doesn't add anything to the experience, acting as it does on its own schedule, to keep supplying electrical juice. The main goodness of the Volt happens when it's operating in sole electric mode.

I had the Volt during a cold spell. I found myself constantly wondering how much of my limited electrical reserves to use for cabin heat, versus range. The combination of cold temps and lots of highway miles, meant my electric range for a full charge was nowhere near 80 kms.

Ultimately they came up with a 1.5-litre engine of "regular" sophistication that runs on regular gas, and an electric powertrain featuring an 18kWh battery pack with 192 cells, and two motors. The electric bits are considerably

impressive. With its bigger EV range, many more drivers can go petroleum-free for commutes, and Volt still gives you the option of using it for longer trips — an easy and satisfying way to transition to EV culture.

SAFETY

U.S. puts the emergency brakes on

U.S. traffic safety authorities announced Thursday a voluntary deal with automakers to make automatic emergency braking a standard feature on new cars within the next seven years.

The commitment by 20 automakers, representing more than 99 per cent of the U.S. auto market, will make the safety technology a standard feature on cars and light trucks no later than late 2022, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said.

It will become standard on heavier trucks three years later.

Automatic emergency braking (AEB) systems help prevent crashes or diminish their severity by applying the brakes for the driver.

Sensors including radar, cameras and lasers warn the driver of an impending crash, and the brakes engage when the driver fails to take sufficient and timely action to prevent it.

Automakers that agreed to the commitment are Audi, BMW, FCA US, Ford, General Motors, Honda, Hyundai, Jaguar Land Rover, Kia, Maserati, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz, Mitsubishi Mo-

tors, Nissan, Porsche, Subaru, Tesla Motors, Toyota, Volkswagen and Volvo Car USA.

"By proactively making emergency braking systems standard equipment on their vehicles, these 20 automakers will help prevent thousands of crashes and save lives," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx in a statement.

"It's a win for safety and a win for consumers."

The head of the NHTSA, Mark Rosekind, sought to deflect criticism of the voluntary nature of the commitment, saying it

would make AEB standard on new cars three years faster than a regulatory process. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, the accelerated process will prevent some 28,000 crashes and 12,000 injuries.

"A commitment of this magnitude is unprecedented, and it will bring more safety to more Americans sooner," Rosekind said.

In January, a group of consumer advocates petitioned the NHTSA to seek a mandatory AEB standard rather than a corporate pledge. AFP



Automatic emergency braking systems help prevent crashes or diminish their severity. SHUTTERSTOCK



Georgia's Dominique Wilkins and Doug Collins of Illinois State will be inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame this fall

WOMEN'S CURLING

Canada wins tense battle over Italians

Canada's Chelsea Carey won a tense game for a 5-4 victory over Italy's Federica Apollonio on Tuesday afternoon in Draw 10 of the women's curling world championship.

Carey (6-1) started the day on a winning note with a 7-5 victory over Germany's Daniela Riendl.

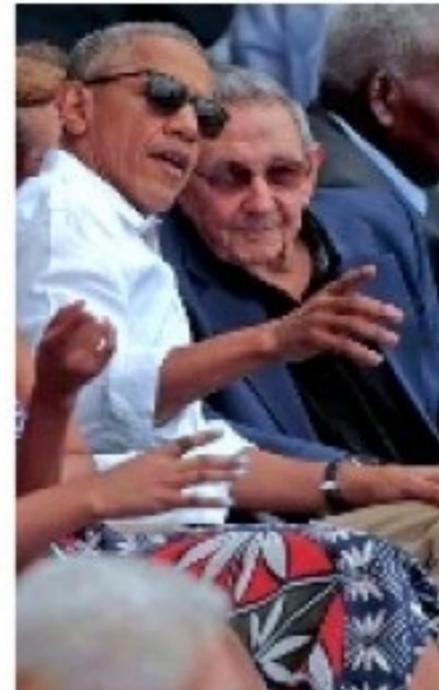
Apollonio's rink (0-6) offered handshakes in the 10th end after missing a takeout with its last stone. Canada had the hammer and was already sitting for a single when Italy conceded.

Carey came up short on a draw attempt, but Canada was sitting single for an early 1-0

lead. Italy replied with a single of its own in the second but the Canadians reclaimed the lead with a point in the third. Apollonio hit for a single in the fourth to keep it 2-2, then Carey was unable to put enough weight behind her takeout in the fifth end for a 3-2 Italian lead at the break.

Carey blanked in the sixth end to keep the hammer, then drew in to score a deuce in the seventh to take a 4-3 lead. A blank by Italy in the eighth maintained the Canadian lead and with a single in the ninth Apollonio tied it 4-4.

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MLB HAVANA GAME BRINGS U.S.-CUBA TOGETHER In a landmark game attended by presidents Barack Obama and Raul Castro, the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Cuban national team 4-1 Tuesday in the first visit by a major league team to the communist island since 1999.

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Canada third Amy Nixon, left, and Chelsea Carey speak during Tuesday's early game. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Flamethrower Fernandez flummoxes Red Sox

Jose Fernandez pitched five no-hit innings and the Miami Marlins held Boston to just one single, beating the Red Sox 3-0 Tuesday.

Fernandez struck out four and walked one. He threw 41 of his 60 pitches for strikes. Blake Swihart singled with two outs in the eighth for Boston's hit. Giancarlo Stanton drove in his first run of spring training. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NYC green-lights MMA

New York's Assembly voted Tuesday to legalize mixed martial arts, clearing the way for fights late this year and expanding the combat sport into the last state to still prohibit it.

It was a significant victory for the sport's advocates and the UFC, MMA's

biggest organizing body. The final floor vote was 113 to 25, having cleared three committees earlier Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mutombo OK after Belgium terrorist attacks

NBA hall of famer Dikembe Mutombo was at the Brussels airport during a deadly terrorist attack early Tuesday.

Mutombo posted two messages on his Facebook page to let everyone know he was not injured. The Atlanta Hawks confirmed that he was in Belgium when the terrorists struck at both the airport and on a subway, killing at least 34 people and wounding scores.

He followed with a selfie and another message, "Thank you everyone. I am safe here. God is good."

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NHL

Pavelec stops all 28 shots in first shutout of 2015-16 season

Ondrej Pavelec recorded his first shutout of the season and Adam Lowry scored the only goal that was needed Tuesday night as the Winnipeg Jets beat the Vancouver Canucks 2-0.

Pavelec stopped all 28 Vancouver shots for his ninth victory of his injury-shortened season, while Vancouver's Jacob Markstrom made 47



The Canucks' Alexandre Grenier breaks his stick in alone against Ondrej Pavelec. TREVOR HAGAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

saves in a losing cause.

Mark Scheifele added an empty-netter in the dying seconds of the game for his

team-leading 24th of the season.

Vancouver has now been shut out in its last three con-

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tests, having not scored a goal in 11 periods dating back to the first period of its March 16 matchup at home against the Colorado Avalanche.

Early in the third period Lowry found a net-side puck in traffic and quickly wrapped it around and banked it in off Markstrom's skate to make it 1-0 Winnipeg at the 2:30 mark.

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CFL

Bombers nix American pair

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers released veteran American players Bryant Turner and Clarence Denmark on Tuesday.

Turner, a defensive tackle, and Denmark, a receiver, both originally signed with Winnipeg in 2011.

"These are the types of difficult decisions that must be made throughout the off-season," Blue Bombers general manager Kyle Walters said in a statement. "Both Bryant

and Clarence have done great things for this organization both on and off the field for a long time now.

"The Winnipeg Blue Bombers sincerely thank both men for the dedication, hard work, and effort they put forth. We wish them the very best moving forward."

The six-foot-two 279-pound Turner had 89 tackles, 26 sacks and four forced fumbles during his tenure with Winnipeg. He

had a career-high 20 tackles in 2012, then followed that up by registering a career-best seven sacks in 2013.

Turner recorded 17 tackles and four sacks in 10 games with Winnipeg last season.

The five-foot-10 189-pound Denmark had 57 catches for 718 yards and three TDs in 2015. He was a CFL all-star in 2014 after finishing second overall in receiving yards with 1,080. CREDIT IN ALL CAPS



Clarence Denmark
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RECIPE Vegetarian Tostados

PHOTO: MAYA VISNEV

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Once you have the basics of this recipe down, feel free to freestyle the toppings with whatever you like (or, let's be honest, what's on hand).

Ready in

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 x 14 oz can black beans, rinsed
- 1/4 cup cilantro, roughly chopped
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil, plus more for brushing
- 1 clove garlic, sliced and chopped cilantro plus 1/8 cup for garnish
- 1 lime, juiced
- pinch of salt
- 8 corn tortillas
- 1 ear of corn or fresh corn or 1 cup frozen
- 2 cups shredded iceberg lettuce
- 3/4 cup Monterey Jack cheese, grated
- 1/4 cup sour cream

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 425. In a food processor, place beans, oil, lime juice, garlic, cilantro and salt. Blend until mixture reaches the consistency of hummus. Remove from processor and spoon into a small bowl.
2. Boil corn until cooked. Remove from water and allow to cool a few minutes. Cut kernels from ear. Place in a bowl. Place shredded lettuce, shaved cheese, chopped cilantro and sour cream in various small bowls.
3. Lightly brush each tortilla with olive oil on each side and bake in oven on a cookie sheet for about 7 minutes. Remove and serve immediately.
4. Place tortilla on plate and layer with black bean dip, lettuce, cheese and corn. Feel free to free style this dish with additional toppings like peppers, tomatoes and slices of avocado.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

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ACROSS

1. Researcher's helper, briefly
5. Rover
10. Tina Turner's "Better Be Good ___"
14. Ms. Buzz of comedy
15. Destroyer
17. Beatles hit bit: "...goodbye and ___ hello..."
18. Craft in Niagara-on-the-Lake in Ontario that's really 'grape'
19. Mitten part
21. Rummy
22. Long-looking squares, briefly
23. Offshore oil platform in the Jeanne d'Arc Basin of Newfoundland's Grand Banks
25. Dharma's portrayer on "Dharma & Greg" ...her initials-sharers
26. "I got an ___ the exam!" (I'm smart!)
27. Electronics giant of Japan
31. Chanel No. 5, par exemple
35. Form of stage show in Japan
36. Car rental company
37. Acred attraction in Winnipeg: 2 wds.
40. Saint Lawrence, et al.
41. Have a ___ to pick
42. Buys
43. High Renaissance painter of Sistine Madonna
45. French for 'me'
46. Compass point
47. BC: Scottish-born industrialist who had

Victoria landmark Craigdarroch Castle built for his family, Robert ___ (b.1825 - d.1889)
52. Mr. Sharif's
55. Beaver State [abbr.]
56. Fashion mag
57. Frozen layer of ground as in

the Arctic
60. Dog breeds, e.g.
61. Vatican VIP's vehicle
62. Chill
63. Hans Christian Andersen creature
64. Gain admittance: 2 wds.
65. Roger of

"Cheers"
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2. Seaweed-wrapped appetizer
3. Baseball great Rusty
4. Herb variety

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**ding Sask.
13. Work units
16. Doesn't disregard
20. Electric shavers name
24. Potential Juno Award winner
25. J' of LBJ
27. Parisian pronoun
28. John, Russia-style
29. Nest dweller
30. Questions
31. Henry VIII outlier Catherine
32. "Sole Survivor" band
33. Inviter's request
34. Seafood suppliers
35. Negative word
38. Cartoonist Mr. Keane
39. Church goer, e.g.
44. Type of tea from India
45. Morningtime mixture
47. Legal right
48. Grinding tooth
49. Hydro bill factor
50. Permeate
51. Romantic flowers
52. Night-and-Day and Cold-and-Hot, e.g.
53. Woof's counterpart
54. Harp, in Italy
55. Iron Maiden's "Be Quick ___ Dead"
58. "House of Sand and ___" (2003)
59. Commandments number**

*** IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today you will strive to find a balance in everything you do, especially with work or your health. From here on, things will get better. Factoid.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
After the Full Moon peaks this morning, you will feel more in control of your life. You also will feel a balance between fun plans and your ability to make them a reality.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Relations with others will improve after the Full Moon peaks this morning. You feel better between loyalty to partners and your home and family.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
The tension of today's Full Moon will subside after it peaks this morning. You will see an improvement in all your communications with others — no question.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Take it easy today to avoid accidents. However, your financial situation is looking better and better, isn't it? Good for you.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Financial disputes will calm down after this morning. This is just one example of how you are starting to feel a balance between your home obligations and your personal freedom.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will feel better after the Full Moon peaks this morning. You will also have a better direction and a better idea about your future plans.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Tension on the work front will relax after the Full Moon peaks this morning. Ultimately, you feel an increasing confidence in your financial future and your ability to earn money. Bravo!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Difficulties with friends will subside after the Full Moon peaks this morning. In fact, your relations with everyone — especially authority figures — will move to a more solid footing.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will feel calmer after the Full Moon peaks this morning. In fact, future travel plans or plans regarding further education look doable and even sensible. Yay!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Life will be easier after the Full Moon peaks this morning. You can breathe a sigh of relief because you see that you have the support of others, which is what you really wanted.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Financial tensions will diminish after the Full Moon peaks this morning. Your ambition to make a name for yourself looks much more doable. You have faith in your future!

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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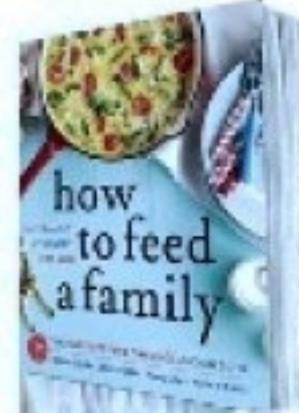
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